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Coloration above light olive, with a metallic dorsal line visible only in life; below white. A lateral silver band well defined above only, where it is tinged with leaden. The latter becomes darker on the caudal peduncle. Muzzle and streak through eye and operculum, blackish. Lips yellowish.

From Holston River, near Saltville Va.

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*September 3d.*

The President, DR. HAYS, in the Chair.

Twenty members present.

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*September 10th.*

The President, DR. HAYS, in the Chair.

Twenty-five members present.

The following was presented for publication :

"Description of a new species of Owl of the Genus *Scops*." By D. G. Elliot.

Dr. Leidy exhibited the fossil skull of a Gopher (*Geomys bursarius*), from the loess or yellow marl deposits along the Missouri. The specimen was sent for examination by Dr. Hayden, from Plattsmouth, Nebraska. The skull is partly embedded in a hard argillaceous substance and appears completely petrified. According to Dr. Hayden, in the same formation, teeth of Mastodon and Elephant were found.

Dr. Bridges on behalf of the publication committee, announced that Vol. 6, Part 2 of the Journal was ready for distribution.

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*September 17th.*

MR CASSIN, Vice-President, in the Chair.

Thirteen members present.

The following was presented for publication :

"A study of the Rhamphastidæ or Toucans." By John Cassin.

Dr. Leidy submitted, for examination, an antique hammer of native copper, found in the Bohemian mine, Michigan, loaned for the purpose by Mr. W. H. Boyer through Mr. W. L. Mactier. It is of rude construction, apparently not cast, but partially cut and partially beaten into shape, which is that of an oblong square with irregularly pitted surfaces. It is about  $3\frac{3}{8}$  in. long,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  broad, and  $1\frac{1}{4}$  wide, and weighs 1 lb. 14 oz. It has an irregular square hole through the centre of the lesser thickness, about large enough to insert the end of the thumb. The sides of the hole are very irregular. The square ends of the hammer are nearly level, though slightly rounded from use.

Dr. Leidy also exhibited a skull of the *Castoroides Ohioensis*, which had been recently sent him for examination by Prof. A. H. Worthen, State Geologist, of Springfield, Illinois. The specimen was found in ploughing, near Charleston, Coles county, Illinois. It is nearly perfect, with the exception of the loss of the zygomata and incisor teeth, and is remarkably well preserved, considering the position in which it was found. The worn condition of the teeth apparently indicates an older individual than the skull from northern New York, described by Prof. Wyman, though the suture between the basi-occipital and 1867.]